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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Col. Geary regarding possible Congressional Inquiry into the J-58 Engine

REFERENCE: Memorandum for the Record, dated 14 January 65, by [Redacted] Subject: Congressional Investigation regarding the J-58 Engine

1. On receiving the references from [Redacted] the afternoon of 21 January, and with [Redacted] present, I talked to Col. Geary on the telephone and asked him if he was aware of the reported Congressional interest in the J-58.

2. He said that he was, and that he had been in touch with [Redacted] and had put the latter in contact with [Redacted] presumably of the Air Force Legislative Liaison Office. According to Col. Geary he thought that "this matter would go our way" by which he meant that any inquiry would be channeled through OXCART briefed personnel on the House Appropriations Committee.

3. Col. Geary said that he had not been in touch with our security people to fill them in on these details, but that he would do so very shortly.

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SUBJECT: Congressional Investigation Regarding the
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1. On 13 January 1965, [redacted] S/TELE/OSA, advised the writer that Congress is apparently planning during this session to conduct an investigation regarding the procurement of the J-58 engine. He stated that Dr. [redacted] had been advised of this by [redacted] Navy Department, who had been involved in the original procurement.

2. The investigation is apparently not imminent, although someone in Congress had evidently already contacted [redacted]. The Congressional inquiry, to be conducted by the House Committee on Appropriations apparently intends to focus on the source of funds and the reason for some of the money being hidden. [redacted] replied to the initial inquiry that he would be happy to appear and testify regarding the Navy participation in the procurement. However, he would have to defer to the Department of the Air Force for details concerning the latter stages of the buy.

3. The writer has not as yet had an opportunity to determine whether or not Col. Geary is aware of this proposed inquiry. However, the preliminary assessment is that since there are OXCART briefed personnel on the House Committee on Appropriations, it may be possible to shortstop the investigation, and that the initial contact may have been made by an unwitting member.

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